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PRESS CONFERENCE OF SEPTEMBER 3

SUMMARY: DURING PRESS CONFERENCE SEPT. 3 PRIMIN ECEVIT
WARNED GREECE OF ACTION UNLESS MASSACRE THREAT RESOLVED.
PREDICTED " DOUBLE ENOSIS" UNLESS NEGOTIATIONS BEGIN. END SUMMARY

1. SPEAKING AT MAJOR PRESS CONFERENCE IN ISTANBUL SEPT. 3,
PRIMIN ECEVIT CALLED SECURITY OF TURKISH CYPRIOT LIVES ON
ISLAND MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE AT PRESENT IN CYPRUS PROBLEM. HE
WARNED THAT TURKEY "WILL BE FORECED TO TAKE EFFECTIVE MEASURES
FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS" IF MASSACRES OR THREAT OF MASSACRES
OF TURKS IN GREEFAAREAS CONTINUE, IF TURKS LIVING IN THESE
AREAS CONTINE TO BE FORCED TO LIVE AS PRISONERS, OR IF APPROPRIATE
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS CANNOT FIND SOLUTION TO PROBLEM.

2. ECEVIT ACCUSED GREECE OF IRRESPONSIBILITY IN "TURNING TO
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INTRIGUES WHICH THREATEN DETENTE" AND WHICH ENDANGER THE

SECURITY SYSTEM OF WHICH IT IS A MEMBER. HE SAID THAT GREECE, HAVING FAILED TO ACHIEVE ITS AIMS BY PEACE OR WAR, WAS NOW TRYING TO PIT GREAT POWERS AGAINST EACH OTHER AND DISCREDIT TURKEY IN EYES OF WORLD PUBLIC OPINION. PRIMIN DESCRIBED GREECE'S CONDITIONS FOR NEGOTIATIONS AS FOLLOWS: (A) WITHDRAWAL OF TURKISH FORCES FROM ISLAND WITHOUT SOLVING PROBLEM OR GUARANTEEING SECURITY; (B) IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF TURKS FROM SOME REGIONS WHICH WILL BE GEOGRAPHIC BASIS FOR AN AUTONOMOUS TURKISH REGIME; (C) TURNING OVER LARGE SECTIONS FAMAGUSTA TO GREEK CYPRIOTS; (D) PERMITTING GREEK CYPRIOTS WHO INTEND TO FIGHT GUERILLA WAR AGAINST TURKISH CYPRIOTS TO RETURN TO TURKISH HELD REGION; AND (E) KEEPING TURKS LIVING GREEK AREAS UNDER THREAT OF MASSACRE. ECEVIT SAID NO COUNTRY COULD EXPECT TURKEY TO ACCEPT SUCH ILLOGICAL AND UNREASONABLE CONDITIONS. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT TURKEY COULD BEGIN IMMEDIATELY TO REDUCE ITS FORCES ON ISLAND AS SOON AS A MEANS WAS FOUND TO PROVIDE DEFINITE GUARANTEE FOR SAFETY OF TURKISH CYPRIOTS.

3. IF GREECE AND THE GREEK CYPRIOTS TO NOT COME SOON TO CONFERENCE TABLE, ECEVIT WARNED OF INEVITABLE ESTABLISHMENT OF SEPARATE STATES LEADING EVENTUALLY TO "DOUBLE ENOSIS". SINCE LIFE CANNOT STOP ON CYPRUS, TURKISH AND GREEK CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATIONS WILL GRADUALLY TAKE ROOT, WILL EXPAND THEIR RESPECTIVE POWERS, WITH THE RESULT THAT THERE WILL BE NO ROOM FOR A FEDERAL SOLUTION, AND "DOUBLE ENOSIS WILL BECOME INEVITABLE".

4. TURKISH-US RELATIONS DURING CYPRUS EVENTS, ECEVIT SAID THAT WHILE THERE HAD BEEN OCCASIONAL DIFFERENCES OF VIEW, BOTH COUNTRIES HAD TREATED ONE ANOTHER WITH OPENNESS AND INTEGRITY, AND THAT AS RESULT OF MUTUAL CONFIDENCE TURK-US RELATIONS HAD GROWN FIRMER.

5. ANSWERING QUESTION CONCERNING SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR EXPANDED CYPRUS CONFERENCE, ECEVIT SAID THAT HE BELIEVED IN GOOD INTENTIONS OF USSR, AND HAD RECEIVED NO ADVERSE REACTION FROM USSR CONCERNING TURKEY'S REPLY.

6. OTHER SUBJECTS COVERED PRESS CONFERENCE BEING REPORTED SEPTEL.

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